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THE
CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY.

REPORT
OF THE
DIRECTORS TO THE PROPRIETORS
AT THE
TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING,
JUNE 19TH, 1866.

COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT.

CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given, that the Twenty-second Ordinary General Meeting of the Proprietors of this Company will be held at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, in the City of London, on Tuesday, the 19th of June inst, at One o'clock precisely, for the purpose of receiving a Report from the Directors, and of transacting the ordinary business of the Company, as prescribed by the Deed of Settlement and Charter.

The Books kept by the Company for the Registration of Transfers of Stock will be closed from the 6th to the 19th June instant, both days inclusive.

By order,

G. GROVE,
Secretary.

Crystal Palace,
June 4th, 1866.

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REPORT of the Directors, to be submitted to the Twenty-second Ordinary General Meeting of Proprietors, at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, at One o'clock precisely, on Tuesday, the 19th June, 1866.

The Directors of the Crystal Palace Company have sincere pleasure in meeting the Proprietors on the present occasion, and in being able to report the steady improvement in the Company's operations.

Without entering into such details as are necessarily reserved until the December meeting, it may be stated generally

that so far the year has been successful. Not only has there been a considerable increase in the attendance of visitors as compared with any previous year, but the Season Ticket receipts have materially increased over the large amount in hand at the corresponding period in 1865. As the extension of these two leading sources of income naturally leads to improved returns in other important items of revenue, it is clear that notwithstanding the recent commercial depression, and the unsettled state of politics, the prospects of this Company have materially improved.

A small portion only of this improvement can be attributed to the opening of the new High-Level Railway, and the recent issue of the Guinea Railway Season Ticket of the Chatham and Dover Railway Company. This new railway service will doubtless become more regular and rapid on the opening of the additional lines on the new bridge over the Thames, at Battersea, now fast approaching completion. When this is the case, and the system becomes connected—as it speedily will be—with all parts of the metropolis and suburbs, the results flowing from this important railway extension may be looked forward to with the most satisfactory anticipations.

At present, however, the Directors think it right only to state their opinion that the increase in the number of visitors above alluded to is mainly due to greater vigilance in seizing every opportunity of keeping the Crystal Palace prominently and favourably before the public. It should never be lost sight of that such an institution must look for support to *all* classes of the community, and that it cannot afford to lose any occasion or connection likely to bring it into more general favour. By

perseverance in this policy, assisted by the constant development of the railway communications, the Directors firmly believe that the unapproachable completeness and grandeur of the Crystal Palace cannot fail to ensure it continued prosperity as time rolls on.

The Directors cannot refrain from expressing their gratification at the satisfactory condition of the Park and Gardens, which are becoming more beautiful with each successive season. To name but one feature; the display of rhododendrons in the valley between the centre walk and the cedars is this year more brilliant and more varied than ever before, and should be seen by all who take an interest in the Palace.

The Proprietors are probably aware that for some time since the lamented death of Sir Joseph Paxton the General Manager has occupied temporarily the Company's premises at Rock-hills, an occupation which proved of material service in preserving the house during the winter months. The experience which the Directors have thus gained of the advantage to be derived from the residence of one of the Company's principal officers on the spot, has led them to the conclusion that it is most desirable that it should be continued; and with this view they strongly recommend to the Proprietors that a permanent residence of an appropriate character, for the occupation of the General Manager for the time being, should be erected on the Company's land, as near as possible to the building. In a large undertaking like the Crystal Palace, with much valuable and miscellaneous property dispersed over a considerable area, and with a numerous staff, it is obviously important and beneficial to the interests of

the Proprietors that some responsible officer should be permanently attached to the spot, and the Directors accordingly propose, if it meet with the general approval of the meeting, at once to make arrangements for the erection of a suitable house for this purpose.

The Directors who retire by rotation at the present meeting are Messrs. Bicknell, Nasmyth, and Horsley. These gentlemen are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.

By order of the Board,

THOS. N. FARQUHAR,

Chairman.

CRYSTAL PALACE,

June 8th, 1866.

The Directors have received notice of the following Resolution, to be moved by Sir Charles Fox:—

“THAT the opening of the Palace and Grounds to Shareholders or their friends on Sunday is not in accordance with the sacred character of the Day, is an evasion of the Company’s Charter, and is productive both of pecuniary loss to the Shareholders generally, and of detriment to those Servants of the Company who have in consequence to attend on that Day: and that the Directors be therefore requested to make arrangements for keeping the Palace and Grounds entirely closed during every Sunday.”

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